

Message

From: Orr, Maureen F. (ATSDR/DTHHS/EHSB) [mco0@cdc.gov]
Sent: 10/27/2017 5:15:07 PM
To: Werner, Lora [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=921f9f156035403fa605c142a287cc1a-Lwerne02]
CC: Horton, D. Kevin (ATSDR/DTHHS/EHSB) [dth9@cdc.gov]
Subject: RE: Parkersburg WV/ Ames warehouse plant fire - potential interest from WV in an ACE

Hi Lora,

We often do our ACE in conjunction with NIOSH doing an HHE or the ERHMS. In some cases letting the public know they are ok is good enough reason to do one. Especially with the contents of the warehouse being unknown and media accounts of people not knowing how to shelter. Some media accounts say they are being told to wear masks if outside. They seem concerned and have been visiting the hospitals. This reminds me of the Paulsboro NJ train derailment ACE in more ways than one. In particular it looks from the media that they are letting a private contractor do the monitoring. This was a huge issue in NJ. (see below)

Maureen

Vinyl chloride release from a train derailment

A tanker car punctured during a train derailment released approximately 24, 000 gallons of vinyl chloride on the edge of a small town. A shelter-in-place order was established for surrounding areas, then was lifted and reestablished repeatedly over four days, as vinyl chloride levels in the air fluctuated due to weather conditions. The ACE team, in partnership with the state and local health department:

- Surveyed community members who were potentially exposed, surveyed staff from hospitals where patients were treated for vinyl chloride exposure, surveyed staff from a facility whose only access road was blocked by the derailed train, and performed hospital chart abstractions. State partners mailed a survey to all households in the community.
- Partnered with a NIOSH team which interviewed representatives from responder groups and created a written survey for responders. A [report of the NIOSH investigation](#) has been published.
- Answered responders' questions during their meetings and collected information needed to address community concerns.
- Reports from investigations of the incident are available at:

[Paulsboro Fact Sheet on Health Survey Findings/Air Quality Impacts Following Vinyl Chloride Gas Release: September 2014\[PDF – 33 KB\]](#)

[Paulsboro Health Consultation Survey of Residents Following Vinyl Chloride Gas Release: September 2014\[PDF – 2 MB\]](#)

[Paulsboro Air Quality Health Consultation Following Vinyl Chloride Gas Release: September 2014\[PDF – 2 MB\]](#)

[Q & A on Health Effects of Vinyl Chloride: December 2012\[PDF – 307 KB\]](#)

[Q & A on Community and First Responder Health Surveys: December 2012\[PDF – 304 KB\]](#)

[Published results of the investigation: Assessment of emergency responders after a vinyl chloride release from a train derailment New Jersey 2012](#)

[Exposures and symptoms among workers after an offsite train derailment and vinyl chloride release](#)

[Medical Response to a Vinyl Chloride Release From a Train Derailment New Jersey 2012](#)

From: Werner, Lora S. (CDC epa.gov)
Sent: Friday, October 27, 2017 12:40 PM
To: Orr, Maureen F. (ATSDR/DTHHS/EHSB) <mco0@cdc.gov>
Cc: Horton, D. Kevin (ATSDR/DTHHS/EHSB) <dth9@cdc.gov>
Subject: Re: Parkersburg WV/ Ames warehouse plant fire - potential interest from WV in an ACE

Thank you Maureen!

In Charleston right now for another site. Erica Thomasson is a CDC assignee with WV health. She talked to Jim Holler yesterday. She said they are thinking this is more an ER worker/first responder/fire fighter concern and she didn't think that would fit with ACE - what is your opinion?

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 27, 2017, at 12:12 PM, Orr, Maureen F. (ATSDR/DTHHS/EHSB) <mco0@cdc.gov> wrote:

Hi Laura, I have not heard from her but it looks like she talked to Charles. I had already given NIOSH a heads up (Jill Shugart and Chad Dowell) the other day. I am starting to line people up if it's a go.

Thanks
Maureen

From: Werner, Lora S. (CDC epa.gov)
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 10:31 AM
To: Orr, Maureen F. (ATSDR/DTHHS/EHSB) <mco0@cdc.gov>
Subject: Re: Parkersburg WV/ Ames warehouse plant fire - potential interest from WV in an ACE

This morning I am hearing Shannon McBee WV epi has your contact info and will reach out to you since there is a firefighter exposure concern and they might want to use ACE - have you heard anything?

Charles looped in Chad Dowell at NIOSH last night.

Lora

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 25, 2017, at 12:06 PM, Orr, Maureen F. (ATSDR/DTHHS/EHSB) <mco0@cdc.gov> wrote:

Hi Lora
Any more news on this? Please use my cell phone if you need to contact me
4043571553.
Thanks
Maureen

From: Werner, Lora S. (CDC epa.gov)
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 4:08 PM
To: Orr, Maureen F. (ATSDR/DTHHS/EHSB) <mco0@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Parkersburg WV/ Ames warehouse plant fire - potential interest from WV in an ACE

Awesome! Will do!

From: Orr, Maureen F. (ATSDR/DTHHS/EHSB) [<mailto:mco0@cdc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 4:03 PM
To: Werner, Lora <Werner.Lora@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Parkersburg WV/ Ames warehouse plant fire - potential interest from WV in an ACE

Lora, they can contact me by phone or email. Thanks for the heads up. Ill look this over and let you know if I need anything else.

Thanks
Maureen

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Hello ACE program

You may have seen some information about this warehouse fire in Parkersburg, WV in news. ATSDR DTHHS ERS and Regions 3 and 5 were in discussions about this incident with EPA, WV health, and OH health earlier today. WV state health indicated they many have some interest in using the ACE program at this incident. WV is familiar with the program, having used it at the Freedom Chemical MCHM/Elk River incident a few years ago.

See below for some news clips from this morning.

Please let me know if you need further info at this time. If WV wants to pursue, they should just reach out via this email, is that correct? Best, Lora

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Subject: Parkersburg Ames plant fire - Tuesday morning clips

Gov. Justice declares state of emergency in response to fire

<http://wvpublic.org/post/justice-declares-state-emergency-response-wood-county-industrial-fire>

Wood County moves forward after emergency declaration

<http://wvpublic.org/post/wood-county-moves-forward-fire-response-after-emergency-declaration#stream/0>

Burning warehouse had history of environmental problems

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZNmJXp1Hx8k>

Air quality questions persist

<http://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/local-news/2017/10/air-quality-questions-persist-as-fire-burns-at-former-ames-plant/>

State of emergency, downtown closures, schools closed

<http://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/2017/10/downtown-closures-due-to-ames-fire-air-quality-concerns/>

Fire may burn for several more days

https://www.wvgazetteemail.com/news/cops_and_courts/update-fire-at-old-ames-plant-in-parkersburg-may-burn/article_ed794d2-6355-5bd1-a20a-f3f8f53f1796.html

Closing blamed on fouled air

<http://www.mariettatimes.com/news/2017/10/closings-blamed-on-fouled-air/>

Shelter in place advised, but people still out and about

<http://wvmetronews.com/2017/10/23/a-shelter-in-place-in-parkersburg-but-people-are-still-out-and-about/>

Health officials promoting masks

<http://www.thenewscenter.tv/content/news/Masks-promoted-to-use-as-precautions--452594273.html>

Smoke continues, hospital visits up

<http://www.thenewscenter.tv/content/news/As-smoke-from-Ames-Plant-sticks-around-hospitals-start-to-see-more-patients-452557993.html>

Fire Marshall says likely unintentional

<http://wvmetronews.com/2017/10/23/fire-marshall-deadly-fires-in-parkersburg-logan-accidental/>

Progress, and caution, expressed over enormous fire

<http://wvmetronews.com/2017/10/23/progress-and-caution-expressed-over-enormous-parkersburg-fire/>

Local historian explains some of Ames Plant history

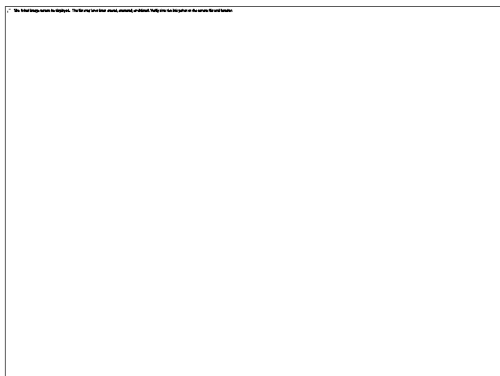
<http://www.thenewscenter.tv/content/news/Local-Parkersburg-historian-explains-some-of-Ames-history-452351173.html>

Raw video from Ames plant fire

<http://www.thenewscenter.tv/video?vid=452131653>

YouTube drone footage

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZNmJXp1Hx8k>



Parkersburg
WV Ames
Plant Fire
Drone
Footage
October
21st, 2017

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZNmJXp1Hx8k

Footage taken by
Tim Garrett

